

IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please **AMEND** the claims according to the following:

Please **CANCEL** claims 2 and 4.

1. (Currently Amended) A personal identification terminal comprising:
a plurality of identification conditions including identification means ~~or a plurality of~~ and identification levels that are selectable for use; and
means for selecting one of the plural identification ~~means or one of the identification levels~~ conditions in accordance with identification ~~means/level~~ condition setting information that is received from a server every time when receiving a request for identification from the server, wherein the identification condition setting information received from the server includes a digital signature for detecting an alteration thereof; and
means for sending to the server used condition information that indicates one of the identification conditions, which was used by the personal identification terminal for the identification, in a format enabling detection of an alteration thereof together with a result of the identification.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A personal identification terminal according to claim 1, wherein if the identification ~~means or the identification level~~ condition that is designated by the identification ~~means/level~~ condition setting information does not exist, default identification ~~means or identification level~~ condition is used so as to perform the personal identification.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A personal identification terminal according to claim 4, 1, wherein the format that enables detection of an alteration is based on a network authentication protocol utilizing a secret key.

6. (Currently Amended) A personal identification terminal according to claim 5, wherein different secret keys are used for different identification ~~means or different identification levels~~ conditions.

7. (Currently Amended) A personal identification terminal according to claim 4, 1, wherein the used ~~means/level~~ condition information is added to information of the result of the identification, which is enciphered or provided with a digital signature before being sent to the server.

8. (Currently Amended) A personal identification terminal according to claim 4, 1, wherein in the case where identification means utilizing biometric information is used, a score indicating a similarity or a hash value of the score is added to the information of the result of the identification.

9. (Currently Amended) A personal identification terminal according to claim 4, 1, further comprising a next identification means decision portion for deciding identification means utilizing biometric information that should be used next in accordance with a score that indicates a similarity when the identification was performed using identification means utilizing biometric information.

10. (Original) A personal identification terminal according to claim 9, wherein if the score that indicates a similarity when the identification was performed using identification means utilizing biometric information is lower than a predetermined minimum level, the process is stopped without proceeding to the next identification process.

11. (Currently Amended) A personal identification terminal according to claim 4, 1, wherein if the score that indicates a similarity when the identification was performed using identification means utilizing biometric information shows complete identity, the result of the identification is regarded as being false.

12. (Original) A personal identification terminal according to claim 1, wherein a combination of an IC card and an IC card reader/writer constitutes the terminal.

13. (Currently Amended) A server that is connected to a personal identification terminal including a plurality of identification conditions including identification means and identification levels that are selectable for use, the server comprising a programmed computer processor controlling the server according to a process comprising:

sending to the personal identification terminal identification condition setting information for designating one of the plural identification conditions of identification means and identification levels every time a request for identification is sent from the server to the personal identification terminal;

~~a score log storing portion for storing a log of a score or a hash value of the score that was added to information of a result of identification, according to the sending of the~~ identification condition setting information, received from the personal identification terminal; and

~~a processing portion for deciding that identification is failed when the same score value continues several times in accordance with the~~ read log of the score or the hash value of the score read out of the score log storing portion despite the result of the identification received from the personal identification terminal.

14. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for~~ of personal identification comprising ~~the steps~~ of:

sending identification ~~means/level~~ condition setting information together with a request for identification from a server to a personal identification terminal including a plurality of identification conditions including identification means ~~or a plurality of~~ and identification levels that are selectable for use;

selecting one of the plural identification ~~means or one of the identification levels~~
conditions by the personal identification terminal in accordance with the identification
~~means/level-~~ condition setting information that is received from the server; and

sending used ~~means/level-~~ condition information that indicates one of the identification
~~means or one of the identification levels-~~ conditions that was used for the real-identification from
the personal identification terminal to the server in a format that enables detection of an
alteration thereof together with a result of the identification.

15. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 14, further comprising ~~the~~
~~steps of:~~

sending identification terminal information including a location and a current time from
the personal identification terminal to the server before sending the request for identification and
the identification ~~means/level-~~ condition setting information from the server to the personal
identification terminal; and

changing the identification ~~means/level-~~ condition setting information to be sent to the
personal identification terminal by a processing portion of the server in accordance with the
identification terminal information that was received from the personal identification terminal.

16. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 14, further comprising ~~the~~
~~step of~~-sending information for designating ~~the~~ a number of usable times of a secret key together
with the request for identification and the identification ~~means/level-~~ condition setting information
from the server to the personal identification terminal so as to limit the number of times a user
can use the secret key when ~~the~~ a result of the identification is OK.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer program that is installed in a personal
identification terminal having a plurality of identification conditions including identification means
~~or a plurality of identification-~~ and identification levels that are selectable for use, the computer
program makes a processor of the personal identification terminal execute ~~the~~ a process
comprising ~~the steps of:~~

selecting one of the plural identification ~~means or one of the identification levels~~
conditions in accordance with identification ~~means/level-~~ condition setting information that is
received from a server every time when receiving a request for identification from the server; and

sending used ~~means/level- condition~~ information that indicates one of the identification ~~means or one of the identification levels- conditions~~ that was used for the ~~real~~-identification to the server in a format that enables detection of an alteration thereof together with a result of the identification.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing a computer program that is installed in a personal identification terminal having a plurality of identification conditions including identification means or a plurality of and identification levels that are selectable for use, the computer program makes a processor of the personal identification terminal execute ~~the~~a process comprising ~~the steps of~~:

selecting one of the plural identification ~~means or one of the identification levels conditions~~ in accordance with identification ~~means/level- condition~~ setting information that is received from a server every time when receiving a request for identification from the server; and

sending used ~~means/level- condition~~ information that indicates one of the identification ~~means or one of the identification levels- conditions~~ that was used for the ~~real~~-identification to the server in a format that enables detection of an alteration thereof together with a result of the identification.